By the King.

A PROCLAMATION,

Touching the ſpeedy calling to Accompt of all ſuch Perſons whoſe Accompts are excepted in the Act of Oblivion.

CHARLES R.

WHereas in the Act made in the Parliament begun at Weſtminſter the Five and twentieth day of April in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign (Entituled, An Act of Free and general Pardon, Indempnity and Oblivion) there is contained an Exception of the Accompts of Treaſurers, Receivers, Farmers and Collectors, other then the Sub-collectors of the ſeveral Pariſhes, Towns and Hamlets reſpectively, for their Receipts therein mentioned, who had received or collected the Duties ſpecified in the ſaid Exception. And whereas Our high Treaſurer of England by Our command hath ſent out ſeveral Warrants or Summons to divers Treaſurers and other Perſons reſiding in and about London, for bringing in of their Accompts into the Office of Our Remembrancer in Our Exchequer, at certain dayes and times in the ſaid Warrants prefixed, to the end that all ſuch moneys as have been received, or any wayes collected from Our loving Subjects, and are not pardoned by the ſaid Act of General Pardon, may be duely accompted for, and anſwered unto Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, and that the Perſons ſo accompting may have their legall Diſcharges according to the courſe of Our Exchequer. Therefore Our Will and Pleaſure is, and We do ſtreightly charge and command all manner of Perſons whatſoever, which have received or ſhall receive any Warrants or Summons from Our ſaid high Treaſurer, for bringing in of their Accompts into Our Exchequer, that they bring them in according to the dayes and times in the ſaid Warrants expreſſed. And that all and every other perſon accomptable unto Us

it was thereby further enacted, That in case any person or persons should resist or make forcible opposition against any person or persons in the due and through execution of the same Act, That every such person or persons for every such offence should forfeit the sum of Five pounds to be divided and recovered in manner aforesaid; And in case any person or persons should not pay the summs of money by them to be paid, by vertue of the same Act, that in every such case distress should be made and sale thereof, returning the overplus to the owners; And in case no distress shall be found, that thereupon every such party should be committed to the common Gaol in the County where such offence should be committed, there to remain for the space of two moneths without Bail or Mainprise. Provided allways, and it was thereby enacted, That the same Act nor any thing contained therein should extend to the hindering of the planting of Tobacco in any Physick-garden of either University or in any other private garden for Physick or Chirurgery, only so as the quantity so planted exceed not one half of one pole in any one place or garden, as in it by the same Act it doth and may more fully appear. Now to the end that all Our loving Subjects in all parts of Our said Kingdoms of England and Ireland, and Dominion of Wales, and in the said Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, and in our said Town of Berwick upon Twede, may the better take notice of and more duely observe the said Act, and not ignorantly offend against the same for the future, We have thought good to publish & declare the same to all Our loving Subjects by this Our Royal Proclamation, And do withall likewise signifie and declare, that for the future We shall expect, and do hereby require all dutiful observance thereof, and ready conformity thereunto, and that not onely upon the pains, penalties, and forfeitures therein expressed, but also of Our high indignation and displeasure, justly and deservedly to be inflicted upon all those that shall knowingly and presumptuously offend against so just and reasonable a Law. And we do hereby streightly charge and command all Our Judges of Assise and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in their several Circuits, and all Our Justices of Peace in their several and respective Quarter-Sessions, that they give the same Law in charge to the several & respective Juries in their several and respective Inquests before them, to the end that the offences and offenders against the same, both in the setting, planting, or sowing of Tobacco, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the same Act, and also all forcible opposition & resistance made or to be made against any person or persons in the due execution of the same Act, may be punished according to Law and the demerit of their offences in this behalf. And We do further command and require all Sheriffs, Justices of the peace, Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other Our Officers and ministers whatsoever whom the premisses shall or may concern, that they from time to time as occasion shall require, be diligent, circumspect, and careful in the due execution of the same Act in all things according to the true intent and meaning thereof, as they will answer the contrary at their perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Twenty ninth day of *March*, in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign, One thousand six hundred sixty one.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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